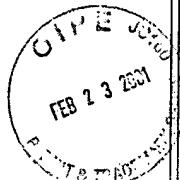


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Applicant : Thomas J. Perkowski
Serial No. : 09/641,908
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Title of Invention : INTERNET-BASED METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR
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USING AN EDI-ENABLED UPN/URL DATA...
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the present Application as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-2 and 9-16, and amend Claims 3-8 as follows:

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3. (Amended) A method of managing UPN/URL/Trademark/Product-Descriptor data links within a manufacturer's enterprise, wherein [the] a manufacturer's EDI-enabled UPN/URL Database Management Subsystem is initialized by importing UPC numbers, trademarks and product-descriptors from the manufacturer's locally-maintained UPC-indexed product catalog deployed within the manufacturer's enterprise.
4. (Amended) An apparatus for managing UPN/URL/Trademark/Product-Descriptor data links within a manufacturer's enterprise, wherein [the] a manufacturer's EDI-enabled UPN/URL Database Management Subsystem is initialized by importing UPC numbers, trademarks and product-descriptors from the manufacturer's locally-maintained UPC-indexed product catalog deployed within the manufacturer's enterprise.
5. (Amended) A method of managing UPN/URL/Trademark/Product-Descriptor data links within a manufacturer's enterprise, wherein [the conventional] a UPC-indexed product price catalog functions as the "master" UPC catalog source within the manufacturer's enterprise, while the manufacturer's EDI-enabled UPN/URL Database Management Subsystem functions as a "slave" UPC catalog source within the enterprise, data-synchronized to the master UPC catalog source.
6. (Amended) An apparatus for managing UPN/URL/Trademark/Product-Descriptor data links within a manufacturer's enterprise, wherein [the conventional] a UPC-indexed product